

II. REMARKS

The foregoing amendment is intended to place the application in better condition for allowance or appeal, and it is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

III. Conclusion

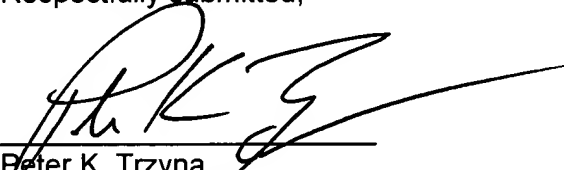
The Examiner has graciously provided numerous ways to communicate regarding the instant case, and the Applicant and undersigned are most appreciative. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set out below if it can in any way expedite or facilitate issuance of a patent on the application.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and favorable action is respectfully requested. Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned at the address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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